At page 22, lines 12-15:

B3 Figure 5: is an illustration of the nucleotide sequences of the 5' RACE primers (SEQ ID NOs:14-17) used to identify the 5' end of the VEGF-X open reading frame.

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B3 Figure 10: is an illustration of the predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of the nucleotide sequence of Figure 9. SEQ ID NO:1 is amino acids 23-345 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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Sequence ID No 14	corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX11 illustrated in Figure 5.
Sequence ID No 15	corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX12 illustrated in Figure 5.
Sequence ID No 16	corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX13 illustrated in Figure 5.
Sequence ID No 17	corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX14 illustrated in Figure 5.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claim 14, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

B5 1.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a VEGF-X protein, said protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or an amino acid sequence that is at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.